1	2		3	4
WEST BENGAL				
55.	Ballagarh TPS		2x250 MW	Balagarh Power Co. Ltd. (CESC/ADB/TFC), USA
56.	Gouripore TPS		2x75 MW	Gouripore Power Comp. Ltd. Calcutta
57.	Sagardighi TPS		2x500 MW	DCL Kuljiam Corpn. CMS Generation, USA
	Total	3	1650.00	
	G.Total	57	37386.00	

[English]

Cauvery Off-shore Structure

*393. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken for development of off-shore structures in the Cauvery basin during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the work in this regard is progressing as per schedule; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps being taken to expedite the work therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Government of India has awarded the following Production Sharing Contracts falling in Cauvery Offshore Basin for development :

(i) PY-3 (as part the offshore exploration block CY-OS-90/1) to the consortium of HOEC, India, Vaalco Energy Inc., USA, Tata Petrodyne, India and ONGC.

(ii) PY-I field to the consortium of Mosbacher Inc., USA, HOEC, India and Petrodyne, USA.

(b) and (c). Appraisal of PY-3 field has been carried out. However, the work after the appraisal stage has been delayed because of some unexpected results from drilling of the first well. The data was reviewed and after review it was decided to go ahead with the development plan.

In the case of PY-I field the drilling of appraisal well under Phase I could not be undertaken within the stipulated time because of non-availability of a rig. All efforts are being made by the contractor to mobilise a rig at the earliest.

Demand of Diesel

*394. SHRI ANANT KUMAR HEGDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the current demand of diesel in agricultural, transport and industrial sector respectively;

(b) the share of indigenous sources in meeting the current demand of diesel, and

(c) whether the country can be self-sufficient in production of diesel in foreseeble future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The consumption of HSD during 1995-96 was 32.25 MMT, with 8.04 MMT sales through direct trade and 24.21 MMT through retail sale. End-use-wise data are not maintained.

(b) The share of indigenously produced HSD is about 64% of the total consumption during 1995-96.

(c) With the planned addition to the refining capacity, the share of indigenously produced HSD is estimated to be 78.5% of the projected demand at the end of the IX Plan (2001-02).

Fire in Oil Wells

*395. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of accidents of fire occurred in oil wells during the last three years, the loss suffered as a result thereof and the number of inquires initiated by the Government in this regard with the present status thereof;

(b) whether the Government have declined to make public the report of the enquiry committee constituted to ascertain the causes of fire at ONGC wells at Pasarlapudi in Krishna Godawari basin; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) During the period 1993-94 to 1995-96, there were three accidents of fire in the oil wells of ONGC and Oil India Ltd. The total loss suffered by ONGC and OIL on account of these accidents is estimated to be around Rs. 33.7 crores

The Government had set up a one-man Enquiry Committee to go into the blow out of ONGC well at

Pasarlapudi. The findings and recommendations of the Committee have been accepted by the Government.

(b) and (c). As this is an internal enquiry set up by the Government, it is not proposed to make the report public.

Cogentrix Power Project

*396. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to provide counter-guarantee for the Cogentrix Power Project of Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have laid down any guidelines for State Electricity Boards for seeking guarantee from the Union Government;

(d) if so, whether the Karnataka State Electricity Board has failed to provide this requirement; and

(e) if so, the time by which the Union Government are likely to give its final decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES) (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India (GOI) counter guarantee is proposed to be extended to the Karnataka State guarantee to the Karnataka Electricity Board's payment obligations to the Mangalore Power Company.

(c) GOI has laid down certain general parameters for extending counter guarantee to the State guarantee to the State Electricity Board's payment obligations to the Generating Companies.

(d) The Karnataka Electricity Board does not satisfy eligibility criteria/performance parameters such as achieving a minimum 3% Rate of Return (ROR) for the year 1995-96, outstanding receivables and minimum agricultural tariff.

(e) GOI has agreed to grant exemption from the eligibility criteria.

Power Tariff for Agriculture Sector

*397. SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether variation in the rates of power supply to agricultural sector in different States is very vast;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to rationalise the rate for agricultural sector for the whole country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES) (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The rates of power supply in agricultural sector vary from State to State.

(b) A statement showing average tariff in agricultural sector in different States is enclosed.

(c) The electricity tariff to the retail consumers, including the tariff for the agricultural sector, are being fixed as per the respective State Government policies.

(d) Chief Ministers' Conference was held on 16 October, 1996 and 3rd December, 1996 to deliberate upon the important issues in the power sector and draw up an Action Plan for bringing about improvement in the sector which *inter-alia* includes sector reforms, performance of utilities, tariff rationalisation including agricultural tariff etc. The Action Plan would need to be finalised based on the various suggestions of the Chief Ministers Conference.

STATEMENT

Statement showing Agricultural Tariff (As on 30.11.96) and Agricultural Realisation by SEBs from Agricultural Sector during 1994-95

S.No.	Name of the Board	Date of Revision	Applicability (Load)	Tariff		Elect. Duty/Tax	Average Realisation during 94-95 (P/Kwh)
				Flat Rate Rs/HP/	Metered Supply Annum P/ Kwh		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1.8.96	Upto 75 HP	-			
			Upto 3 HP	250			
			Above 3HP - 5HP	350			5.73
			Above 5HP - 10HP	450	-		
			Above 10HP	-	50		